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**April 5, 2016**

**Proclaim April 2016 as Fair Housing Month**

April 11, 2016 marks the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Title VIII ("the Act"), which guarantees the right to equal housing opportunities for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, and national origin. Amendments to the Act broadened the protections to include gender, families with children, and persons with disabilities, and the 1988 amendments to the Act required that reasonable accommodations be made for persons with disabilities.

Each year, the nation celebrates the rights granted under the Act during the month of April. The County of Los Angeles (County), through the Community Development Commission, supports and promotes fair housing activities, working to affirmatively further fair housing across the County. This work is conducted through a program of informational, educational, counseling, and investigative services which are designed to promote fair housing to the residents of the unincorporated areas of the County and all Participating Cities in the County's Community Development Block Grant Program.

In the past fiscal year, the County continued to affirmatively further fair housing by providing services to approximately 3,311 individuals, including through distribution of nearly 20,000 pieces of related literature, 69 media events to increase public awareness, and through more than 94 trainings, workshops, community meetings, walk-in clinics, and other events.

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On April 21, 2016, the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Housing Rights Summit will be held with the theme "*The Politics of Race & Poverty*," to inform the community about issues concerning fair housing rights. Topics include homeless youth, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule, issues facing Native Americans, as well as a screening of *Bridging the Divide*, a documentary about the late Mayor Tom Bradley. There will also be a resource fair where Summit guests can connect with public interest law groups, nonprofit agencies, and government entities.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Proclaim April 2016 as Fair Housing Month in the County of Los Angeles in order to recognize the value and importance of the rights guaranteed under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and its amendments, and commit to the furtherance of the Act's goals and ideals throughout the year.

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